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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Fumio NAGASAKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2154

Application No.: 09/701,242

Examiner: H. Patel

Filed: February 1, 2001

Docket No.: 107926

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM TO RETRIEVE A PREDETERMINED MAPPED DEVICE
FOR AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE NETWORK CONTAINING A PLURALITY OF
DEVICES

APPLICANTS STATEMENT OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP 713.04, Applicants submit the present statement of substance of
the April 20 personal interview with the Examiner.

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to him by the Examiner in granting a personal interview on April 20, 2006. Applicants separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

In the personal interview, Applicants' attorney discussed various novel features of the claimed invention, and reviewed the January 19, 2006 Amendment, including the amended claims and the remarks distinguishing the claimed invention over the cited art.

In particular, Applicants attorney discussed the basis in the specification for the claim terms "individual symbols corresponding to individuals" and "data symbols." In one exemplary embodiment, as illustrated in Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) and described in the specification at page 22, lines 10-11, the individual symbols corresponding to individuals are photographs corresponding to respective individuals. In one exemplary embodiment, as illustrated in Figs. 9(a) and 9(b), the data symbols are icons representing respective data stored in a camera device. As shown in Fig. 9(b), in one exemplary embodiment, the data symbols are displayed in a specific area (194) on the screen of the display unit that is different from an area (196) in which at least one of the obtained destination device description and corresponding second device symbol is displayed. Applicants' attorney then reviewed the remarks distinguishing these features over the teaching of the cited art. The Examiner indicated that he would further consider these features (previously of record, e.g., in prior claim 4), in view of the cited art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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